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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital,	$5,000,000.
Instalment received on New Shares,	926,765.62
	$5,926,765.62
Reserve Fund,	$2,500,000.
Instalment of Premium received on New Shares,	698,336.43
	$3,198,336.43

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HONGKONG.

Interest Allowed.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
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Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, August 25, 1883. 48

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. GERALD SLADE and Mr. ALEXANDER McCONACHIE are authorized to Sign our Firm from this date.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong and Foochow, 1st January, 1884. 13

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. HERMANN FRIEDRICH MEYERINK in our Firm Ceased on the 1st January, 1883.

Mr. JOHANN HINRICH GARRELS is admitted a PARTNER from this date.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1884. 12

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility in our Firm of Mr. WILHELM REINERS, Ceased on the 31st December, 1883.

Mr. MAX GROTE, Mr. CARL JANTZEN and Mr. STEPHAN C. MICHAELSEN, who have been Signing the Firm, are admitted PARTNERS from this date.

Mr. J. GOOSMANN is authorized to Sign our Firm per Procuration.

MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1884. 6

NOTICE.

WE HAVE This Day Established a BRANCH of our Firm in Tamsui, Formosa. Mr. WILFRED CHRISTY is authorised to Sign on our behalf per Procuration.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1884. 8

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day admitted Mr. J. B. ELIAS a PARTNER in my Business. It will hereafter be conducted under the Style of "BELILIOS & Co."

E. R. BELILIOS.

Hongkong, January 2, 1884. 7

HOP SHING & Co.,

ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS, COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON FOUNDERS, &c.,

WEST POINT IRON WORKS.

HAVING This Day commenced Business, are ready to undertake Work of the above Descriptions under the Supervision of an Experienced European.

Orders executed with the utmost despatch and at moderate terms.

24th September, 1883. 611

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Thirty-Fifth Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 52, Queen's Road, on TUESDAY, the 29th January instant, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Director and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 29th Instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. da COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 8, 1884. 61

NOTICE.

THE COMMISSION appointed to enquire into certain CHARGES of CORRUPTION which have recently been Publicly made against the Officers of the Public Works Department has commenced its Sittings, and all Persons who have any information to give upon the subject matter of its Enquiries are invited to communicate with the Secretary. All such Communications if desired will be considered Confidential.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS,
Secretary.

Council Chamber,
Hongkong, January 3, 1884. 29

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FOURTH and FINAL CALL of £10 Sterling per Share on the 20,000 Shares, NEW ISSUE of this Corporation, will fall due on the 31st December Current, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.

Registered Shareholders entitled to NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at the respective Offices, the above Call or its equivalent in the Currency of the above-mentioned places.

Provisional Certificates are being issued in Exchange for the First Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank.

Holders of Provisional Certificates, when paying this Call, will please send same to this Office to be endorsed.

The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is fixed at 3/- 8½d. or $53.93 per Share.

Interest at the Rate of 7 % per Annum will be Charged on Calls *unpaid* on the 31st December.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 13, 1883. 1121

"SULPHOLINE LOTION."

AN External Means of CURING SKIN DISEASES. There is scarcely any eruption but will yield to "Sulpholine" in a few days, and commence to fade away, even if it seems past cure. Ordinary pimples, redness, blotches, scurf, roughness, vanish as if by magic; whilst old, enduring skin disorders, that have plagued the sufferers for years, however deeply rooted they may be, "Sulpholine" will successfully attack them. It destroys the animalculæ which cause these unsightly, irritable, painful affections, and always produces a clear, healthy, natural condition of the skin. "Sulpholine" Lotion is sold by most Chemists. Bottles, 2s. 9d. Made only by J. Pepper & Co., London.

LIVER COMPLAINTS.

DR. KING'S DANDELION & QUININE LIVER PILLS (without Mercury). THE BEST REMEDY FOR BILIOUSNESS, STOMACH DERANGEMENT, FLATULENCE, PAINS BETWEEN THE SHOULDERS, BAD APPETITE, INDIGESTION, ACIDITY, HEADACHE, HEARTBURN, and all other symptoms of disordered liver and dyspepsia. Acknowledged by many eminent surgeons to be the safest and mildest pills for every constitution. In boxes, at 1s. 1½d., 2s. 9d., and 4s. 6d. Sold by Chemists throughout the world.

PEPPER'S QUININE & IRON TONIC

ROUSES and develops the nervous energies, enriches the blood, promotes appetite, dispels languor and depression, fortifies the digestive organs. Is a specific remedy for neuralgia, indigestion, fevers, chest affections, and in wasting diseases, scrofulous tendencies, &c. The whole frame is greatly invigorated by Pepper's Tonic, the mental faculties brightened, the constitution greatly strengthened, and a return to robust health certain. Bottles, 32 doses, 4s. 6d. Sold by Chemists everywhere. Made only by J. Pepper & Co., London.

TARAXACUM & PODOPHYLLIN.

THIS fluid combination, extracted from medicinal roots, is now used instead of blue pill and calomel for the cure of dyspepsia, biliousness, and all symptoms of congestion of the liver, which are generally pain beneath the shoulders, headache, drowsiness, no appetite, furred tongue, disagreeable taste in the morning, giddiness, disturbance of the stomach, and feeling of general depression. It is the safest medicine. Taraxacum and Podophyllin is a fluid made only by J. PEPPER, Bedford Laboratory, London, whose name is on every label. Bottles, 2s. 9d. Sold by all Chemists.

LOCKYER'S SULPHUR HAIR RESTORER

WILL darken grey hair, and in a few days completely bring back the natural colour. The effect is superior to that produced by a direct dye, and does not injure the skin. Large bottles, 1s. 6d. Lockyer's is equal to the most expensive hair restorer.

LOCKYER'S SULPHUR HAIR RESTORER

IS the best for restoring grey hair to its former colour. It produces a perfectly natural shade, and is quite harmless. Valuable for destroying scurf and encouraging growth of new hair. Sold everywhere.

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For Sale.

PERFUMERY.
ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.
CHOICE MANILA CIGARS.
CRYSTAL TABLE WARE.
NEW DINNER SERVICES.
TABLE DECORATIONS.
NEW DUPLEX LAMPS.
SLOW COMBUSTION GRATES.
FENDERS and TILE HEARTHS.
LOCKS, BOLTS and HINGES.
LAWN MOWERS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 3, 1884. 24

SAYLE & Co.'S
SHOW-ROOMS.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

LADIES' COMPANIONS.
JEWEL CASES.
INK STANDS.
FANCY PHOTO FRAMES.
PLUSH BAGS.
FANCY ORNAMENTS.

SCENT CASES,
Large Bottles of the Best EAU DE COLOGNE.
CARVED BRACKETS.
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EMBOSSED DOLLAR & LETTER CASES.
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DOLLS, DRUMS, PUZZLES.

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TRUMPETS, NOAH'S ARKS.
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TRIMMED HATS.
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SILK HANDKERCHIEFS.
SILK SCARFS.
LAU FICHUES.
KID GLOVES.
PLAIN and FANCY HOSIERY.
LADIES' UMBRELLAS.

FUR TIPPETS.
FUR-LINED CLOAKS.
FUR MUFFS.
COLLARS and CUFFS.
NEW FRILLINGS.
&c., &c., &c.

Victoria Exchange,
Hongkong, December 20, 1883. 1176

Intimations.

NORTH BORNEO.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

A SALE of LAND will take place at Sandakan, North Borneo, on an early date in 1884, date of such Sale to be announced on the arrival of the First Direct Steamer from North Borneo in January 1884. Conditions of Sale and Agreement with Purchasers can be seen at the British North Borneo Company's Agency, Hongkong.

Particulars of Lots.

0.	Lot. Nos.	Situation.	Size.	Rent.	Upset Price.
Elopura....	69/70	3rd Frontage	33 ft. by 66 ft.	$5 per Lot	$100 per Lot
Town Lots	114/120	3rd Block	33 ft. by 66 ft.	per annum	550 per Lot

HENRY WALKER,
Acting Commissioner of Lands.

Land Office,
Elopura, North Borneo,
27th December, 1883. 1221

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

QUARANTINE AT EGYPTIAN AND CONTINENTAL PORTS.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for passing the Company's Steamers through the Suez Canal in Quarantine, thus avoiding any detention in Egypt. The Homeward Mails are now being landed at Venice, but the Quarantine which is still imposed at this and all other Continental Ports prevents the landing of Passengers, and those travelling by the Company's Steamers are advised to remain on board the Vessel which calls at Marseilles *en route*—stopping a few hours only to discharge Cargo—and proceed in her direct to London, thus avoiding all Quarantine delays and inconveniences.

The Passages of the Steamers will be accelerated, and they will not call at Malta or Gibraltar.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, September 6, 1883. 491

SEE WOO,

TAILOR, DRAPER & OUTFITTER,

No. 55, Queen's Road Central,

Has just Received by French Mail,

CHRISTY'S BLACK, BROWN AND DRAB FELT HATS, AND TWEED HATS,
(of all shapes).

All Kinds of PERFUMES and TOILET SOAPS.

All Sorts of Gentlemen's WINTER CLOTHING, &c., &c.

Hongkong, December 3, 1883. 1052

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A Second and Final BONUS of Five per cent. on Contributions, and a DIVIDEND of Eighteen Dollars and Twenty-nine Cents per Share for the year 1882, will be Payable on MONDAY, the 22nd Instant.

Warrants may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board,

DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, October 27, 1883. 767

Intimations.

H. CAMPBELL, late of Foochow, has the honour to inform the Gentry and Public of Hongkong that he intends Opening, on or about the 16th Instant,

A FIRST-CLASS HAIRDRESSING SALOON,

at Bank Buildings, opposite the Hongkong Hotel, where he hopes to merit a Share of Public Patronage.

Hongkong, January 1, 1884. 21

THE MEDICAL HALL,
Established A.D. 1853.

E. NIEDHARDT, *Proprietor*.

ANALYTICAL CHEMIST:
IMPORTER OF
Drugs & Chemicals, Patent Medicines, Perfumery, Toilet Requisites, &c., &c., &c.

Manufacturer of Aerated Waters.

MEDICINE-CHESTS SUPPLIED AND REFITTED.

Hongkong, December 31, 1883. 1236

TO THE COMMUNITY OF HONGKONG.

THE TRUSTEES of St. John's Cathedral find themselves compelled to appeal to the liberality of Residents here for assistance in providing the Cathedral with a New Organ, the Instrument at present in use being so far deteriorated by climatic causes as not to be worth the very extensive repairs which alone could make it serviceable. Its state must have been evident to those who have attended Divine Service for some time back, and it is doubtful whether it can be used much longer.

The Organ was built in 1860 and paid for by public subscription. An Organ ought, doubtless, to last much longer than 23 years in a good climate, but, besides the fact that the mistake seems to have been made in the first instance of selecting a cheap instrument, in 1860 makers knew even less than they do now about guarding against the effect of tropical heat and damp. Moreover, by the unfortunate choking up of a roof gutter during a typhoon some years ago, the interior of the Organ (even then beginning to break up) was deluged with water.

It is proposed to give the order to Messrs. Walker & Sons, who have just successfully erected a fine Organ at Shanghai, and whose representative has himself seen the damage (incredible to the workman who has never been out of England) which years of this climate are capable of effecting.

The cost of an Organ suited to the Cathedral, laid down in Hongkong, and including the expenses of a skilled workman to come out and put it up, is estimated at £2,000, say $12,000. This sum will not be regarded as extravagant if it is borne in mind that pipes which in England are made of deal, glued together, have, for the East, to be made of mahogany, secured with brass screws, everything else being similarly modified. An Organ so prepared should last, with proper care and occasional renewals of perishable parts, fifty or sixty years even in this climate.

It is evident that such a such a sum as $12,000 cannot be provided out of the current revenue of the Cathedral, which only meets, and even that with difficulty, the current expenditure. The Trustees feel assured, however, that the Community will not feel disposed to see the only considerable Organ in the Colony disappear from our midst, and they make this Appeal not doubting to meet with the same success as their predecessors a quarter of a century ago.

Contributions may be forwarded to the Cathedral Treasurer, General Post Office.

Hongkong, December 31, 1883. 1242

Intimations.

THE PATENT.

"FILTRE RAPIDE"
REMOVES ALL
Organic and Inorganic Impurities, Lead, Copper, and Poisonous Gases.
It aerates the Water.
It can be taken to pieces and cleaned in every part.
It has been Awarded
Special Medal of Merit by the Sanitary Institute of Great Britain;
Silver Medal National Water Supply Exhibition, London;
Two Silver Medals International Food Exhibition, London;
Two Certificates of Merit by Sanitary Institute, Exeter;
Certificate of Merit International Medical and Sanitary Exhibition, Kensington;
Silver Medal Health Congress and Scientific Exhibition, Brighton.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1884. 38

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

AS the Post of SECRETARY to the Company is about to become vacant Applications for same will be Received at the Head Office up to *1st February next*.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

WM. REINERS,
Chairman.

Hongkong, January 3, 1884. 27

HONGKONG HOTEL.

BREAKFAST - 8.30 A.M. TO 12.30 P.M.
TIFFIN - - - - - - - - 1.00 "
DINNER - - - - - - - - 7.30 "

Hongkong, December 17, 1883. 1138

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON and after the 1st October, the PRICE of ICE will be REDUCED to 1½ Cents per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, September 15, 1883. 553

For Sale.

FOR SALE CHEAP.

FIVE Hundred to Six Hundred Tons COKE and COAL TAR, in lots to suit, from one ton upwards.

CHOY CHEW,
230, *Praya West*.

Hongkong, June 18, 1883. 1270

C. L. THEVENIN,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,

Hongkong Hotel Building,

HAS FOR SALE

A Fine Assortment of WHITE and RED BURGUNDIES:—Grand Hermitage, Chambertin, Pommard, Richebourg, Chablis, Pints and Quarts, &c., &c.

OLD PORT, SHERRY, WHISKEY, COGNAC, Assorted LIQUEURS and SYRUPS; PERFUMERY, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, October 17, 1883. 731

NOW ON SALE.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT, BY DR. E. J. EITEL.

Crown Octavo, pp. 1018.

Hongkong, 1877-1883.

Part I.	A-K, ...	$2.50
Part II.	K-M, ...	$2.50
Part III.	M-T, ...	$3.00
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A Reduction of *ten per cent.* will be allowed to purchasers of Ten or more copies.

This Standard Work on the Chinese Language, constructed on the basis of Kanghi's Imperial Dictionary, contains all Chinese characters in practical use, and while alphabetically arranged according to the sounds of the oldest dialect of China, the Cantonese, it gives also the Mandarin pronunciation of all characters explained in the book, so that its usefulness is by no means confined to the Cantonese Dialect, but the work is a practically complete Thesaurus of the whole Written Language of China, ancient and modern, as used all over the Empire, whilst its introductory chapters serve the purposes of a philological guide to the student.

A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, and containing a List of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of Surnames, will be published and sold separately.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 15, 1883. 115

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts .....$20 per 1 doz. Case.
Pints.....$21 per 2 doz. "

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, December 20, 1883. 1177

RODERICK DHU WHISKY.

A Pure, Fine-Flavoured Blend, Equal in Bouquet and Style to the Finest FRENCH BRANDY.

Sole Agent, Hongkong,

C. L. THEVENIN.

Hongkong, October 19, 1883. 746

THE REPORT of the TRIAL of LOGAN at Canton that appeared in the *China Mail* has been printed in PAMPHLET FORM, and is now on Sale.—Price, 30 Cents.

Hongkong, October 3, 1883.

To Let.

TO LET.

NO. 25B, Praya Central.
No. 8, Seymour Terrace.
Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, January 2, 1884. 20

GODOWNS—TO LET.

Praya East and Wanchai Road.
For Particulars, apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1882. 767

TO LET.

THE PREMISES now occupied by us, No. 11, Queen's Road Central.
For further Particulars apply to Messrs. Russell & Co.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1883. 226

TO LET.

A GODOWN, in Blue Buildings.
Apply to
C. P. CHATER.

Hongkong, January 5, 1884. 41

TO LET.

(With Immediate Possession.)

NO. 25B, Praya Central, suitable for OFFICES.
Apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1884. 37

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

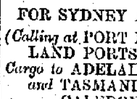
The Co.'s Steamer
"*Mongkut*,"
Capt. P. H. Loff, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 10th Inst., at 8 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
YUEN FAT HONG,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 7, 1884. 51

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI *VIA* SWATOW.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, HANKOW *and Ports on the* YANGTSZE.)



The Co.'s Steamship
"*Fooksang*,"
Captain Hogg, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 10th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 8, 1884. 56

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.
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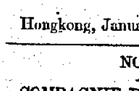


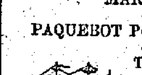
The Co.'s Steamship
"*Taisang*,"
Capt. Bamford, will be despatched as above on or about the 10th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 5, 1884. 39

THE AUSTRALASIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND STRAITS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, *and taking through Cargo to* ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND *and* TASMANIAN PORTS, NEW CALEDONIA *and* FIJI.)



The Steamship
"*Naples*,"
Captain Thom, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 11th Instant, at 11 a.m., instead of as previously advertised.

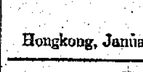
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 7, 1884. 49

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.



The Co.'s Steamship
"*Oxus*,"
Commandant Rapatel, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 8, 1884. 58

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship
"*Volga*,"
Commandant du Temple, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 8, 1884. 59

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
"*Glenavon*,"
Capt. Donaldson, will be despatched as above on or about the 5th January.

This Steamer has superior Cabin Accommodation, and carries a Doctor, and Stowardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, December 26, 1883. 1206

STEAM TO BOMBAY *VIA* STRAITS.

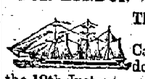
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"*Zambesi*"
will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, the 11th January, at 4 p.m.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, December 27, 1883. 1220

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.



The Co.'s Steamship
"*Ulysses*,"
Capt. Thompson, will be despatched on or about the 12th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 4, 1884. 36

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, NEWCHWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW *and Ports on the* YANGTSZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
"*Cyclops*"
will be despatched on or about the 13th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 7, 1884. 46

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE.
(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, *and taking through Cargo to* NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA, TASMANIA *and* FIJI.)

The Eastern and Australian Steamship
"*Catterthun*,"
Capt. H. Craig, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 15th January, at 4 p.m.

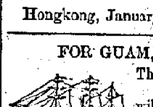
Parcels (all of which must be sent to our Office) will be received up to 4 p.m. of Monday, the 14th January.

Contents and value of the Packages must be declared.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 8, 1884. 62

FOR GUAM, MARIANAS.



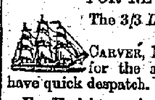
The Steamship
"*Luzon*"
will leave Manila for the above Port on or about the 15th January next.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, December 27, 1883. 1223

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

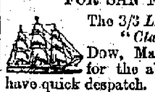


The 3/3 *L.1.1.* American Ship
"*Oneida*,"
Carver, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 5, 1883. 1066

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.



The 3/3 *L.1.1.* American Ship
"*Clarissa B. Carver*,"
Dow, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 22, 1883. 1184

FOR LONDON.

The 3/3 *L.1.1.* German Bark
"*Friedrich*,"
Captain Ulderup, will load here, and meet with quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 7, 1884. 50

Notices to Consignees.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Arratoon Apcar* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding her discharge or remaining on board after the 10th Instant, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Consignees are hereby informed that all Claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 12th Instant.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 5, 1884. 42

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

No. 53, Queen's Road East,

(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSARIAT),

ARE NOW LANDING FROM AMERICA.

CALIFORNIA CRACKER COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb tins, and loose.
Soda BISCUITS.
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY.
Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
CORNMEAL.

TOPOCAN BUTTER.
Apple BUTTER.
Eastern and Californian CHEESE.
CODFISH, Boneless.
Prime HAMS and BACON.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
Family BEEF in 25 lb kegs.
Boar Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 2½ lb cans.
" Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
" Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage MEAT.
" Stuffed PEPPERS.
" Assorted SOUPS.
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted MEATS.
Lunch HAM.
Lambs' TONGUES.
Clam CHOWDER.
Fresh OREGON SALMON.
Dried APPLES.
TOMATOES.
SUCCOTASH.
Maple SYRUP.
Golden SYRUP.
LOBSTERS.
OYSTERS.
HONEY.
Assorted JELLIES.
Green CORN.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

400 lb. Capacity.
600 lb. "
900 lb. "
1,200 lb. "

CORN BROOMS.
OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.
AXES and HATCHETS.

AGATE IRON WARE.
WAFFLE IRONS.
SMOOTHING IRONS.

PAINTS and OILS.
TALLOW and TAR.
VARNISHES.

DEVOE'S NONPARIEL BRILLIANT KEROSINE OIL,
150° test.

Per late Arrivals from

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF STORES,
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CHRISTMAS CAKES.
PLUM PUDDINGS.
MINCEMEAT.
ALMONDS and RAISINS.

Crystallized FRUITS.
TEYSSONEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.
Pudding RAISINS.
Lante CURRANTS.

Fine YORK HAMS.
PICNIC TONGUES.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.
SAVORY PATES.

FRENCH PLUMS.
BRAWN.
INFANTS' FOOD.
CORN FLOUR.

SPARTAN
COOKING STOVES.

HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMP.
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMP.

CLARETS—
CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.
1RES. GRAVES, " "
BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SHERRIES & PORT—
SACCONE'S MANZANILLA & AMONTILLADO.
SACCONE'S OLD INVALID PORT (1848).
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—
1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
BISQUIT DUBOUCHE & Co.'s BRANDY.
FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.
ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.
BOORD'S OLD TOM.
E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.
ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
NOILLY PRAT & Co.'s VERMOUTH.
CRABBIE'S GINGER BRANDY.
EASTERN CIDER.
CHARTREUSE.
MARASCHINO.
CURACAO.
ANGOSTURA, BOKER'S and ORANGE BITTERS.
&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BURKE, pints and quarts.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.
ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED
CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in 5 catty Boxes.
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF SAFES, CASH and PAPER BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1043

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS, NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;
ALSO
BOMBAY.

ON TUESDAY, the 15th January, 1884, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *AVA*, Commandant DELPECH, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon of 14th January, 1884.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 14th January, 1884. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 4, 1884. 32

MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAM TO NAGASAKI AND KOBE, *VIA* INLAND SEA.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers for YOKOHAMA.)

THE S.S. *TAKACHIHO MARU*, Capt. NYE, due here on or about the 14th Instant, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 18th January, at 4 p.m.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at the Office up to 1 p.m. of day of sailing.

No Bill of Lading signed under $2 Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board before delivery is taken, otherwise they will not be recognized.

CARGO and PASSENGERS for Yokohama will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's OFFICES, Praya Central, Ground Floor of Messrs RUSSELL & Co.

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 8, 1884. 57

Notices to Consignees.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Moray* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 7, 1884. 48

Intimations.

Mr. Andrew Wind,

NEWS AGENT, &c.

133, NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK; is authorized to receive Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., for the *China Mail*, *Overland China Mail*, and *China Review*.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

Intimations.

E. J. DURNY,
PROFESSOR OF MUSIC.

LESSONS given on the PIANO and ORGAN.
TERMS MODERATE.
Address,
c/o. THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE.

Hongkong, December 18, 1883. 1157

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 265

VICTORIA HOTEL.

Proprietors:
DORABJEE & HING KEE,
late Lessees of the HONGKONG HOTEL.

THIS HOTEL is situated on the Praya Central in the centre of the principal Business localities and commands a magnificient view of the Harbour and surrounding scenery. From its detached position, perfect ventilation has been secured, and the whole of the ROOMS being Commodious and Furnished with every Requisite and Comfort, afford most desirable Accommodation.

The BAR, BILLIARD ROOM, and DINING ROOMS, are fitted up in a Superior manner, and are all under European Supervision and Management.

The TABLE D'HOTE is supplied with every delicacy of the Season, and most satisfactory attendance. WINES and LIQUORS of the best Qualities and Brands only are supplied. Arrangements for BALLS, BANQUETS, DINNERS and PICNICS made on the most Reasonable Terms. The long and almost exclusive experience of the Proprietors, and the wide Reputation they have gained, are a sufficient guarantee that satisfaction will be given in this Branch.

With every facility for making suitable Arrangements at Reasonable Prices, either for permanent or weekly Boarders, the Proprietors confidently appeal to the Community of Hongkong for a continuance of the generous Patronage Bestowed on them during the past eleven years.

Hongkong, November 20, 1883. 954

NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail.

(The oldest Overland Paper in China.)

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THIS Mail Summary is compiled from the Daily *China Mail*, is published twice a month on the morning of the English Mail's departure, and is a record of each fortnight's current history of events in China and Japan, contributed in original reports and collated from the journals published at the various ports in those Countries.

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(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office.—Price, $1 each.
CHINA MAIL Office.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. JAN. 9, 1884.

Stocks.	Nos. of Shares	Value.	Paid-up.	Reserve.	Working Account.	Last Dividend.	Closing Quotations. Cash.
BANKS.							
HK. and S'hai Bank	60,000	$ 125	$ 125	$ 3,198,336.43	$ 52,509.62	£2	182 % = $352½
INSURANCES.							
Nth.-China Ins.	1,000	Tl. 2,000	Tl. 600	Tl. 400,000	Tl. 230,464.77	Tl. 75	Tl. 1350 p. sh.
Yangtsze Ins.	1,200	Tl. 350	Tl. 350	Tl. 538,235	Tl. 3,059.76	18 %	Tl. 1000 "
Union Ins. Soc.	2,000	$ 1,250	$ 125	$ 500,000	$ *576,391.00	$ 18.29	$620 "
China Traders' Insurance	24,000	$ 83.33	$ 25	$ 600,000	$ 107,411.65	22% ‡	$71 "
C'ton Ins. Office	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	...	$ 506,127.77	10%	$112 "
Chinese Ins. Co.	1,500	$ 1,000	$ 200	$ 100,378	Debit balance $3907.18	3%	$200 "
HK. Fire Ins.	8,000	$ 250	$ 50	$ 861,000	$ 250,732.56	$20 ¶	$375 "
China Fire Ins.	20,000	$ 100	$ 20	$ 500,000	$ 106,366.49	$3.60 and bonus proportionate	$71 "
STEAM C'PANIES.							
HK. C. and M. Steamboat	8,000	$ 100	$ 75	$ 200,000	$ 41,320.95	6%	$124 "
Indo-China S. Nav. Co.	120000	£ 10	£ 10		Debit.		25 % dis.
China & Manila S.S. Coy., Ld.	3,500	$100	all	...	...		par.
MISCELLANEOUS.							
HK. & Wh'poa Dock	10,000	$ 125	$ 125	$18,000⁷³	$ 2,083.04	4%	57 % prm. = $196½
HK. and China Gas Co.	5,000	£ 10	£ 10	£7,758.14.8	£ 1,144.18.9	...	$34 p. share
H'kong Hotel	2,000	$ 100	$ 100	$ 30,000	...	$3	$150 "
China Sugar Co.	9,000	$ 100	$ 100	...	5,895.56	$8	$135 "
H'kong Ice Co.	1,250	$ 100	$ 100	$ 15,250	$ 687.06	$12 % for 1882.	$155 "
H'kong Bakery	600	$ 50	$ 50	$ 4,000	$ 253.45	$5	$82 "
Luzon Sugar Co.	7,000	$ 100	$ 100	...	$ 4,080.55	...	$90 "
Perak Tin Mining & Smelting Company	3,000	$ 50	all	...	First year	...	$220 "
LOANS.				*Rates of Interest.*	*Payable.*		
Chi. Imp., 1874	6,276	£ 100	all	8 %	June30Dec31		
" " 1877	16,040	£ 100	all	8 %	Feb.28Ag. 31		
" " 1878	3,899	Tl. 500	all	8 %	April & Oct.		
" " 1881	8,566	Tl. 500	all	8 %	Jne16&Dc.10	...	par.
Sugar Debentures, 1880	600	$ 500	all	8 %	June & Dec.		2 % prem.

* For 6 months to 30th June.—† Dividend for 1882 and Bonus of 25 per cent.—‡ To 30th April 1883.—¶ For year 1881.—‖ For half year ended 30th June 1883.

EDWARD GEORGE, *Share Broker.*

Insurances.

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept Risks on First Class Godowns at ½ per cent. not premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, May 19, 1881. 938

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS of the above Company, are authorized to Insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF *His Majesty King George The First,* A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872. 496

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL,—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867. 100

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 855

CAPORAL CIGARETTES.

A SUPPLY of the above in GOOD ORDER

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
Hongkong Dispensary.

Hongkong, January 2, 1884. 5

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

I HAVE To-DAY started as a SHARE and GENERAL BROKER.

J. REUBEN.

Hongkong, January 9, 1884. 65

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, *VIA* THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE S. S. *ARABIC* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, with the option of calling at Honolulu, on SATURDAY, the 12th January, at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 % from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10 % will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25 % from Return Fare. *These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland, Mexican, Central and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Offices addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

F. E. FOSTER,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 9, 1884. 67

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Ava.

A & F P (in dia.), No. 2304=1 case Soap, Order, from London.

Ex Djemnah.

L / 240 (in dia.) { No. 11=1 case Hats, Order, from London.
R M, No. 919=1 cask Wine, from Marseilles.

I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 9, 1884. 79

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

DAVIS & D'ANGELIS.....*Lessees.*

TO-MORROW EVENING,
Thursday, 10th January, 1884.

BY SPECIAL REQUEST,

MESSRS. GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S LATEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL COMIC OPERA,

"IOLANTHE,"

OR

THE PEER AND THE PERI."

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR.....Mr Jeff. D'Angelis.
EARL TOLLOLLER..... " F. W. Oakland.
EARL OF MOUNTARARAT..... " C. J. Barber.
PRIVATE WILLIS (of the Grenadier Guards)...Gentleman Amateur.
STREPHON (an Arcadian Shepherd)..... " "
QUEEN OF THE FAIRIES Miss Minnie Nordt.
IOLANTHE (a Fairy, Strephon's Mother).. " Florence Conliffe.
CELIA, LEILA, FLETA, Fairies.... Local Amateur. " " Miss Dolly Loftus.
PHYLLIS (an Arcadian Shepherdess and Ward in Chancery)..Miss Victoria Loftus.

CHORUS OF DUKES, MARQUISES, EARLS, VISCOUNTS AND FAIRIES.

CORRECT COSTUMES from the Original Designs.

BEAUTIFUL SCENERY FROM THE LONDON MODELS, prepared by Mr. C. J. BARBER AND ASSISTANTS.

THE GRAND MARCH OF THE PEERS WITH FULL BRASS BAND.

Instrumental Music under the direction of PROF. WILLIAM BLAKENEY.

Act 1st.
ARCADIA.

Act 2nd.
THE PALACE YARD, WESTMINSTER.

Box Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S, where Seats may be secured.

J. CHAS. DAVIS,
Manager.

Hongkong, January 9, 1884. 64

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship "*Kwangtung*," Capt. M. YOUNG, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 11th Instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 9, 1884. 66

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Co.'s Steamship "*Wingsang*," Capt. ST. CROIX, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 16th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 9, 1884. 63

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "*Arratoon Apcar*," Capt. A. B. MACTAVISH, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 16th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 9, 1884. 68

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will NOT be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by a YOUNG MAN who goes by the Name of JOHN DREWES.

GEORGE HERMANN DREWES,
late Master of S.S. "Peking."

Hongkong, January 9, 1884. 69

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALDEN BESSE, American barque, Capt. A. Noyes.—Melchers & Co.

ANERLEY, British steamer, Capt. F. G. Strachan.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

ANNETTIN, Italian barque, Captain F. Repetto.—Musso & Co.

ANTIOCH, American barque, Capt. J. D. Wyman.—Order.

BONNIE LASSIE, British barque, Capt. F. Clarke.—Gilman & Co.

CASSANDRA, German steamer, Captain H. Lindemann.—Siemssen & Co.

MOUNT LEBANON, Brit. barquetine, Capt. Nelson.—Rozario & Co.

NELLIE MAY, American barque, Captain Aitell Austin.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

SACHEM, American ship, Captain J. W. Small.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

SELEMBRIA, British steamer, Captain Fowler.—Russell & Co.

ST. IDEUC, French barque, Captain J. Duron.—Carlowitz & Co.

WILHELM, German barque, Captain W. Spugelberg.—Siemssen & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 8, 1884:—

Ocean, British steamer, 1,039, R. R. Brown, Saigon Jan. 3, General.—SOEY SHING.

January 9:—

Nam-tien, French steamer, 435, Letode, Haiphong Jan. 6, General.—A. R. MARTY.

Anerley, British steamer, 1,256, Strachan, Singapore Jan. 3, *via* Saigon, General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Chinkiang, British steamer, from Canton.

Montiard, German schooner, 74, T. H. Scherri, Matupi, Now Br. Dec. 18, Ballast.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

Lee Yuen, Chinese steamer, 734, C. Sims, Shanghai Jan. 6, General.—O. M. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

January 9:—

Pekin, for Europe, &c.
Welle, for Hoihow.
Ingeborg, for Kobe.
Massalia, for Saigon.
Kashgar, for Nagasaki, &c.
Chinkiang, for Ningpo and Shanghai.
Changchow, for Singapore, &c.

CLEARED.

De Bay, for Nagasaki.
Hecht, for Quinhon.
Sachem, for Boston.
Esmeralda, for Amoy and Manila.
Alice Mary, for Vancouver's Island.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Ocean*, from Saigon, 25 Chinese.
Per *Nam-tien*, from Haiphong, 21 Chinese.
Per *Anerley*, from Singapore *via* Saigon, Mr J. Grant, and 188 Chinese.
Per *Montiard*, from Matupi, 1 Chinese.
Per *Lee Yuen*, from Shanghai, Mr Elias, and 15 Chinese, and 18 Chinese for Canton.

DEPARTED.

Per *Pekin*, from Hongkong: for Singapore, Mr Ahmed H. Hussan, wife and native servant; for Colombo, Messrs Eustace A. Smith, and A. Rob. Vogelin; for London, Messrs A. Lindberg, and R. D. Mitchell. From Shanghai: for Singapore, Major Coffey; for Suez, Mr C. E. Bains; for London, Mrs J. Bannerman. From Yokohama: for London, Mr C. Vercol.
Per *Kashgar*, for Yokohama: from Hongkong, Messrs E. Kurosaki and Kitabataki; from London, Mr Taylor's amah; from Penang, Mr and Mrs Bishop and servant; from Singapore, Mr Fobler and servant. From Hongkong for Nagasaki, Mr and Mrs C. Hoog.
Per *Welle*, for Hoihow, 30 Chinese.
Per *Massalia*, for Saigon, 400 Chinese.
Per *Chinkiang*, for Ningpo and Shanghai, 45 Chinese.
Per *Changchow*, for Singapore, &c., 10 Europeans, and 168 Chinese.

To DEPART.

Per *Hecht*, for Quinhon, 25 Chinese.
Per *Sachem*, for Boston, 3 Europeans.
Per *Esmeralda*, for Amoy and Manila, 3 Europeans, and 250 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Chinese steamer *Lee Yuen* reports: Experienced light N.W. and fresh N.E. winds and hazy throughout.

CARGO.

Per S. S. *City of Peking*, sailed December 31st, 1883:—For Yokohama, 3,726 bags Sugar, and 50 pkgs. Merchandise. For San Francisco, 34,080 bags Rice, 320 bags Coffee, 290 bags Sugar, 750 bags Beans, 50 bales Cinnamon, 45 cases Silk Piece Goods, 15 cases Cigars, 2,243 rolls Matting, 1,825 [illegible] oil, 2,000 Empty Quicksilver Flasks, 220 pkgs. Cassia, 144 pkgs. Tea, and 7,076 pkgs. Merchandise. For Portland (O.), 1,586 bags Rice, and 116 pkgs. Merchandise. For Victoria, B.C., 1,584 bags Rice, 6 cases Crude Opium, and 126 pkgs. Merchandise. For Honolulu, 101 pkgs. Merchandise. For Punta Arenas, 1 case Silks, and 1 case Merchandise. For La Libertad, 2 cases Silks. For Manzanillo, 5 cases Silks, and 19 cases Tea. For Panama, 4,250 bags Rice, 356 pkgs. Merchandise, 104 pkgs. Tea, 4 cases Silks, and 2 cases Crude Opium. For Callao, 270 pkgs. Merchandise, 560 pkgs. Tea, and 14 cases Silks. For Boston, 5 cases Straw Hats. For New York, 169 pkgs. Tea, 6 cases Straw Hats, 1 case Silk Goods, 11 rolls Matting, 223 bales and 25 cases Raw Silk.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW AND SHANGHAI.—
Per *Fooksang*, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 10th inst.

For SWATOW AND BANGKOK.—
Per *Mongkut*, at 7.30 a.m., on Friday, the 11th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.—
Per *Naples*, at 10.30 a.m., on Friday, the 11th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For STRAITS AND BOMBAY.—
Per *Zambesi*, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 11th January.

For SAIGON.—
Per *Whampoa*, at 4.30 p.m., on Monday, the 14th inst.

For STRAITS AND CALCUTTA.—
Per *Wingsang*, at 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 16th inst.

For NAGASAKI AND KOBE.—
Per *Takachiho Maru*, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 18th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Avon* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 15th instant, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, *viâ Naples*; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (viâ Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, Natal and the Cape.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

HOURS OF CLOSING

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the French Contract Packet:—

Day before departure (or Saturday if the departure be on Monday),—

5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the NIGHT BOX, which is always open out of Office hours.

Day of departure,—

7 A.M.—Post Office opens.
10 A.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.
11 A.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.
11.10 A.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until
11.30 A.M.—When the Post Office closes entirely.
11.40 A.M.—Late Letters may be posted *on board the packet* with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of departure.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

8 a.m.—*Mongkut* leaves for Swatow, &c.
4 p.m.—*Fooksang* leaves for Shanghai.
Goods per *Arratoon Apcar* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, January 11:—
Daylight.—*Kwangtung* leaves for Coast Ports.
11 a.m.—*Naples* leaves for Australian Ports.
2 p.m.—Cricket Match.
4 p.m.—*Zambesi* leaves for Bombay.

SATURDAY, January 12:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer *Arabic* leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

TUESDAY, January 15:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
4 p.m.—*Cutterthun* leaves for Australian Ports.

WEDNESDAY, January 16:—
3 p.m.—*Wingsang* and *Arratoon Apcar* leave for Singapore, &c.
Transfer Books of H.K., C. & M. Steamboat Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 29th Instant, inclusive.

FRIDAY, January 18:—
4 p.m.—Mitsu Bishi Mail leaves for Nagasaki, &c.

TUESDAY, January 29:—
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the H.K., C. & M. Steamboat Co., Ltd., at No. 52, Queen's Road.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876. 736

PASSENGERS arriving in Hongkong, or any other persons who may desire to consult the files of local, China, Japan, American, English, Indian or Australian newspapers, are invited to call at the "CHINA MAIL" Office, where over sixty newspapers, dailies and weeklies, from these countries, are now filed for reference.

☞ *The publication of this issue commenced at 7.15 p.m.*

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1884.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The steamer *Compta* left Batavia for this port on the 1st instant.

The Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s S. S. *Taisang* left Singapore for this port on the 2nd instant.

The S. S. *Benledi* left Singapore for this port on the 4th instant.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Cyclops* left Singapore on the 5th instant for this port.

WE have received the November issue of the *Chinese Recorder*, and shall refer to it more fully on another occasion.

OWING to the length of the interesting letters from our special correspondent in Tonquin, "Cuttle's" weekly notes are held over until to-morrow.

ACCORDING to a native paper at Shanghai—the *Shun Pao*—the Chinese Government has given its consent to the construction of a telegraph line from Canton to the Tonquin frontier, and that the material which was to have been used in the construction of a line between Canton and Foochow, is to be used for the Tonquin line. A party of men, with a body-guard, has started, it is said, to survey the proposed line, and the material has also been taken to the locality. Chinese will, of course, construct the line.

THE Loftus Troupe repeated the performance of "I-ki-ko-ko" to a rather thin house yesterday evening. All those who took part in the representation, both professional and amateur, worked with much enthusiasm to make the performance a thorough success, and their efforts were, in a measure, rewarded by the plaudits of the audience. "Iolanthe" is to be repeated to-morrow evening. We anticipate seeing a large assembly of the public.

TRAINING for the ensuing race season has now begun in good earnest, and this morning, the scene at the course was of a very animated description. There was a good turn out of racing men, and also a goodly sprinkling of others, and the work of the morning was intently watched. Galloping was the rule rather than the exception, and the performances of some of the ponies augur well for the success of the meeting. The race course was thrown open. The top-dressing lately laid down under the direction of the C. C. has made the going excellent.

THE *Monkut* left Aberdeen Dock to-day, and the *Arabic* will leave Cosmopolitan Dock to-morrow. The *Titan* will enter Cosmopolitan Dock to-morrow, and the *Meifoo* will go Aberdeen Dock to-morrow.

THE *Nam-sian* arrived here early this morning from Tonquin, the cause of the delay in her arrival being her lengthened detention at Haiphong. The letters of our correspondent confirm the impression that the French will not attack Bacninh until they are heavily reinforced. It is now quite certain that the bulk of the Black Flags who defended Sontai escaped, and they may yet give the French trouble. Our correspondent gives an exceedingly graphic description of the great fire and explosion of ammunition at Hanoi. It is probable it was this disaster which gave rise among the Chinese to the reports that the Black Flags had blown up the French at Sontai.

THE following is a copy of a note received by Mr H. E. Wodehouse, Senior Police Magistrate, from the Hon. W. H. Marsh, Colonial Secretary:—

"I am directed by the Governor, Sir George Bowen, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, reporting the result of the proceedings at the meeting of the Justices of the Peace conveyed for the purpose of nominating a member for the Legislative Council."

"I am to convey to you His Excellency's satisfaction with the manner in which you conducted the proceedings, and his acknowledgement of the vote of thanks to himself.

"The Governor will have much pleasure in appointing the gentleman nominated, Mr F. D. Sassoon, to be an unofficial member of the Council."

No tidings of the *Hwai Yuen* are yet to hand. The *Lee Yuen* arrived from Shanghai this afternoon, but though she was kept as near the coast as possible as far as Turnabout, with the hope of seeing something of her missing confrere, nothing of the *Hwai Yuen* was observed. The general impression in Shanghai is that the *Hwai Yuen* has been taken possession of by the Chinese who were on board her when she left. On enquiry, we learn that no gunboat or vessel of any kind has been sent in search of her. It is, perhaps, China's duty in the present instance to send a vessel in quest of the missing steamer, the *Hwai Yuen* being under the Chinese flag, but we think that the British authorities would not exceed their duty if they despatched one of their war vessels to cruise round the coast in search of a vessel, whose crew and passengers may be in the direst need of succour and assistance.

WE regret to hear that the Soldiers and Sailors' Rest in Queen's Road East, established by Mr Sharp and other gentlemen who take an interest in the welfare of our military and naval defenders, has received so little countenance from those whom it was intended to benefit that it has now been reluctantly closed by the promoters. The Rest was intended to serve as a welcome halting place for soldiers or sailors on leave, where they could enjoy a smoke and a chat, a read of the papers, or engage in a game of billiards or cards, or partake of temperance refreshments at a purely nominal charge. No profit was intended to be made out of the concern, and, as the premises were given for the purpose rent free, it is apparent that the charges must have been very low. Notwithstanding, the place has been but poorly patronised, and after keeping it open, at a loss, for seven months, it has now been closed. Great disappointment was felt by many of the sailors that no beds could be procured on the premises, and it is thought that if a number of these could have been placed in the house, the Rest would have been able to pay its own way. If it were possible to open a similar institution in the central part of the town, which is much more largely frequented by soldiers and sailors, great good and success might result.

ON Monday we published a telegram stating that the Egyptian Government had sent a vigorous note to the British Government stating that if England refused to assist in the suppression of the insurrection in the Soudan, the eastern portion of that territory would be given up by Egypt to Turkey. The British Government have not been long in replying to this "vigorous" note. Yesterday we published another telegram stating that the British Government had, in effect, informed the Egyptian rulers that England had no objection to Turkey obtaining something more than a suzerainty over this portion of the Soudan territory if the Porte was prepared to do what apparently the Khedive is unable to do—suppress the insurrection of the False Prophet. Probably the Egyptians are now reconsidering the policy of their vigorous note. The British Government would, it seems to us, be acting very foolishly in sending a strong force of troops to restore order in a vast and almost uncivilized country, which Egypt is unable to keep under control, and the state of which is no particular concern of the English Government. There would be very little glory in such an expedition, and no recompense. Consequently if Turkey, the suzerain power in Egypt, cares to undertake the task of overthrowing the Mahdi, by all means let her do it; if she is successful, the British position in Egypt will scarcely be changed, and Turkey will, perhaps, only have discharged her duty to a tributary state. England can have no object in keeping in check Turkish influence in Upper Egypt.

RETURNS of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending 6th Jan., 1884:—

	European.	Chinese.
Monday,	27	463
Tuesday,	New Year's Day	New Year's Day
Wednesday,	34	553
Thursday,	47	603
Friday,	32	452
Saturday,	38	371
Sunday,	Sunday	Sunday
Totals	178	2,447

Grand total 2,625.

IN case a brigade, composed of 3,600 men, should be sent to Tonquin, it is very probable that General Brinede l'Isle, of the Marine Infantry, will be appointed as brigadier of the expeditionary corps. The command in chief of the land forces will, in all probability, be given to a General of Division of the land army.—*Straits Times.*

THE following telegrams appear in the *Straits Times*:—

London, Dec. 23.—Mr Gladstone, in reply to a deputation, announced the introduction of a Bill to extend Country Franchise.

London, Dec. 24.—The Marquis Tseng is about to return to London. There has, however, been no rupture of Diplomatic relations as yet.

General Millot has sailed from Toulon.

FOR real thoroughness, give us French law in preference to any other. A few weeks ago some convicts were tried at Noumea. One of them has now got sentences which reach to the year 2036, after which he has to go through 105 years' police surveillance. As it is probable he will go on offending the authorities, and getting sentences, he seems to have small chance of being liberated in time to attend the general judgment. So his lot is rather enviable than otherwise. —*Sydney Bulletin.*

THE very latest fashionable craze is the "surprised eyebrow." The process by which it is formed is very simple, consisting of just a few strokes to arch the brow over each eye into the expression which marks astonishment. And the general effect is to cause the wearer to look as surprised as if she had just bobbed up against a pirate's ghost, or caught her husband mugging the lady cook behind the pantry door. The next fad will probably be the disgusted toe-nail, and this can be formed in an instant, by the lady accidentally kicking her toe against the heel of a chair as she tramps about in the dark barefooted to look for baby's feeding-bottle.—*Sydney Bulletin.*

THE Governor of the Straits Settlements has been suffering from a severe attack of fever. The *Straits Times* of the 26th Decr. says:—"We learn on enquiry at Government House, that yesterday, Christmas Day, His Excellency's fever had increased, and he passed a very restless night. To-day, however, all the symptoms have moderated, and we are happy to say that the fever is disappearing. It is unfortunate too, that at the time of the Governor's illness, Lieut. Cholmondeley, the Aide-de-Camp, is also laid up with fever. His Excellency wishes this to be intimated to explain delay in answering letters, &c. We are glad to be able to report that Lieut. Cholmondeley is now nearly convalescent.

SAYS the *Pall Mall Gazette*:—China must be rapidly adapting herself to the institutions of the West, seeing that the latest device of commercial genius known as "cornering" is now being practised in that country. In Shanghai there is a certain Mandarin Hoosinam, who, with a little practice, promises to rival in the daring of his speculations Mr. Morris Ranger. During the last silk season it was discovered that the crop had been over-estimated, and Hoosinam led a speculative movement among the Chinese by which prices were quickly run up. The European crops, however, had not been reckoned with, and these proving full ones the markets relapsed. When settling time came nearly one-half of the usual dealers were compelled to suspend payment, and prices would have fallen still further had Hoosinam not continued to purchase in order to protect his already large stock. At the time of the issue of the report a few months back he was the owner of a stock of about 15,000 bales, representing a lock-up of about £1,250,000.

THE FRENCH MILITARY OPERATIONS IN TONQUIN.

RECONNAISSANCE FROM SONTAI.

RETURN OF THE TROOPS TO HANOI.

DISASTROUS FIRE AND EXPLOSIONS AT HANOI.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Hanoi, 28th Dec.

On the 19th inst., two days after the occupation of the citadel of Sontai, by the French troops, Admiral Courbet and his staff returned to Hanoi on the *Plevier*, accompanied by one of the smaller gunboats and the transport *Ruri-maru*, with about 350 men of the marine infantry. By that time order had been restored in the captured citadel, but it was considered advisable to scour the surrounding country in search of any remaining Black Flags, and Colonel Bichôt, of the marine infantry, who had been left in command, started out on a reconnaissance with a force of fifteen hundred men from Sontai on the morning of the 20th inst. The new citadel, some three miles from Sontai, to which it was believed some of the routed garrison had made their escape, was found to be in an unfinished condition and entirely deserted. Hung-wha, or Hung-hoa, a small citadel about ten miles up the Songkoi, above Sontai, was also found to be unoccupied, but since then it is believed that a few Black Flags have collected there, and orders have been given to the Annamite officials of the town and neighbourhood to destroy the citadel within fifteen days, otherwise it will be bombarded by the gunboats. The remainder of the country for ten or fifteen miles around Sontai is quite clear of the enemy, and the Annamite population of the neighbourhood are not only coming in to offer their allegiance to the victors, but continue to bring in, as prisoners, any Chinese stragglers upon whom they can lay hands.

The 19th inst. was celebrated in Hanoi as a day of general rejoicing and it certainly contrasted most favourably with the fatal 19th May, when Hanoi lay panic-stricken with the dreaded Black Flags at the gates of the Concession. Admiral Courbet was received with cheers from both the civilians and the military who had gathered at the landing place to see him disembark, for there is no doubt that the comparatively easy success of the expedition under his command was as unexpected as it was satisfactory. It was expected that the victory would have been far more dearly bought than proved to be the case, and from statements made by some of the Annamite population, it would appear that there was a good share of luck in the affair. These reports are to the effect that great dissention existed between the Black Flags and their Annamite allies at Sontai, and that several mandarins and officers of the latter had been executed by the order of Liu Hang Fuk for alleged lukewarmness in the anti-foreign cause. It is only by accepting this theory that it is possible to account for the evacuation of the citadel of Sontai by its garrison on the night of the 16th. Most of the dead found inside were Annamites, while the defenders of the out-forts, notably that of Phuc-tao, the taking of which cost the French so dear, were almost entirely Black Flags. Had the defence of the citadel, which is a fortification of great strength, been maintained with the determination and pluck evinced at Phuc-tao, it is possible that the French forces might be still engaged before Sontai, and it is certain that to take it by assault would have cost more lives than the total of the actual loss, which is now stated at three hundred and fifty killed and wounded, out of which thirty were officers. Any official list of the casualties I have been unable to obtain.

I have still been debarred from visiting Sontai, although all operations there are concluded. I might have gone up in a native sampan, at considerable risk, but as the entrance to the citadel is strictly guarded and no one admitted without a written permit from head-quarters, which has been refused to all correspondents, I cannot now give you a description of the place. At present, from all accounts, the town and citadel is in a horrible condition owing to the unburied or half buried bodies of the dead, which render the air all around pestilential. The Annamites employed in this work throw the corpses into the river or the nearest pool of water, while those remains that are interred at all are only put in a shallow hole and a little earth thrown over the top. The actual number of Chinese and Annamites killed during the four days' operations is estimated at rather more than two thousand, and as, according to the latest information received on the subject, the entire force at Sontai amounted to twelve thousand men, it is clear that a large proportion of the Black Flags have escaped and may be expected to give further trouble to the French forces. Some of the refugees are believed to have gone higher up the river, towards Lao-kai, while many of them have probably found their way to Bacninh. One of the immediate effects of the fall of Sontai was the withdrawal of the Chinese force which attempted to cross the Songkoi at the block-house opposite Hanoi and whose night attacks had spoiled our sleep during the progress of the operations at Sontai.

After the three days' reconnaisance made by Colonel Bichôt, the greater part of the troops and the gunboats returned to Hanoi, leaving about one thousand men to hold Sontai.

The arrangements for the wounded during the operations were decidedly more efficiently planned and carried out than on any former occasion during the campaign. The transport *Ruri-maru* was fitted up as hospital ship and formed the head-quarters of the medical department, while a number of coolies had been enrolled into an ambulance corps, under the direction of the doctors, to carry the wounded from the field to the steamer.

Amongst the spoils found in Sontai was a considerable quantity of treasure, in the form of silver bars, amounting in value to about thirty thousand dollars. A large number of cartridges for Remington and Snider rifles were taken, as well as some hundreds of rifles. Several of the guns found bore the stamp of the Foochow Arsenal. One huge piece of artillery, more than twelve feet in length, which had been mounted in one of the forts, had also been turned out of the same factory, though how it was transported to Sontai is a mystery. A number of important documents, relating to correspondence between Hué and Sontai and the Chinese Government officials, were found in the house formerly inhabited by Liu-hang-Fuk, and amongst other papers bills of lading from Tientsin to Hanoi for treasure and ammunition. Many cases of cartridges appeared from these documents to have been imported and passed through the Hanoi customs as condensed milk. Several of the Chinese and Annamite residents in Hanoi are implicated in these transactions and though not at present arrested will probably shortly be seized. It was at first reported that Liu-hang-Fuk was wounded during the engagement, but the report appears to be without foundation. His next in command, a chief who at one time belonged to the Yellow Flags, was, however, killed. Liu himself, mounted on a white pony, was at one time, during the fighting on the 15th, face to face with Admiral Courbet, with only a ditch or moat between them. He is supposed to have retreated with the best of his men to Lao-kai, or some other post of the Black Flags up the Red River.

On the 20th inst. M. Tricou paid a flying visit to Hanoi and Sontai, leaving again on the 23rd to catch the French mail steamer in Haiphong for Europe. M. Harmand, who had been waiting at Hanoi lately only to see the issue of the Sontai operations, also left Hanoi on the 23rd. He went down to Haiphong on the *Carabine*, a small gunboat, and was saluted with a salvo of 18 guns from the *Plevier*, who manned her yards on the occasion. Little interest was displayed in regard to him either by the military or civil population, whose only feelings seem to be a mild satisfaction at his departure and a hope that they have seen the last of him in Tonquin. In his former capacity of consul at Bangkok, M. Harmand was much respected and liked, but promotion to the more responsible post of actual governor of Tonquin appears to have turned his head.

Only a day or two after the return of the greater part of the victorious French army from Sontai the elation and rejoicings of the residents of Hanoi received a sudden check and were turned to consternation and lamentation by a serious disaster, which occurred in the newly-erected European part of the town, just outside the Concession. At about 7 o'clock on the morning of the 27th instant, an explosion, followed by an outburst of flames, occurred at the artillery workshop, which is situated near the river-side, close to the entrance to the Concession. After the first outbreak of the fire explosion followed explosion with startling rapidity and it was impossible to make any attempt to extinguish the flames which had, in a few minutes, enveloped the whole building, constructed entirely of bamboos and timber. The cause of the conflagration was very soon known, and added to the alarm and panic already experienced by all the residents in the neighbourhood. On the preceding day a large quantity of ammunition, including several hundred cases of shells, rifle cartridges, and powder, had been disembarked from the lighter *Cua-cam*, just returned from Sontai, and had been temporarily stored alongside the artillery workshops and forge. A spark thrown from the latter during the shoeing of a horse set fire to some bamboo shavings or chips, which ignited one of the boxes of ammunition. As the latter exploded one after another they carried destruction all around, the shells bursting in the air and scattering their fragments in all directions for a distance of several hundred yards. A space of about six acres in extent, on which had been erected the stores and houses of many of the most enterprising civilians of Hanoi, as well as the barracks and stables of the artillery, was in the course of about two hours reduced to a waste of ashes. Although strong fatigue parties of troops were at once on the ground to do all possible to arrest the spread of the fire, it was for some time quite impossible to approach near the source and centre of the conflagration as a perfect bombardment was being effected by the cases of shells as they were, one after another, ignited by the burning débris which fell upon them. The bamboo buildings on the outskirts of the area encompassed by the flames were pulled down and destroyed and the spread of the fire thus limited. The occupants of the barracks, in close proximity to the gunshed and workshop, as well as the civilians in the neighbouring houses, had no time to spare to make any attempt to save their effects. It was a race for life, and unfortunately that was not in all cases successful. It was not until more than an hour after the first explosion that it was possible to approach the seat of the fire, when nearly all the explosives had burnt and had done their work, and by that time the scene presented a complete waste of still burning ashes with a few smouldering bamboo posts standing to mark what had previously been the chief business portion of Hanoi. The native city proper, which is separated from this part of the town by an embankment and massive brick gateway, fortunately escaped from the fire, as did also the Concession, but neither were exempt from the effects of the bursting shells, pieces of which were to be found imbedded in the ground in all directions. The plug of a fuse shell fell outside the door of my room, just within the gates of the city, at the first explosion, and when the correspondent of the *Daily News* and myself went out to see what we could of the exciting scene, a shell exploded some twenty yards from the city gateway and lodged a piece of burning iron, a pound in weight, in the ground a foot in front of my companion, while another fraction of the same projectile struck an unfortunate Annamite coolie a few yards off, on the side of the head, and killed him on the spot. The number of casualties actually reported up to the present may be considered miraculously small when the extent and duration of the bombardment, as it actually was, is taken into consideration. Three men and one Annamite woman were killed and five or six men seriously wounded. One of the men killed, a French soldier, was wounded by a shell while escaping from the barracks, and was burnt in the building before he could be rescued. A powder magazine, in the immediate neighbourhood of the conflagration, was only saved by great exertion on the part of the soldiers; had it been ignited, probably not a house would have been left standing in the Concession or the neighbourhood and hundreds of lives must have been lost. The actual loss of property is, however, quite sufficiently serious as it is; all the plant and tools of the artillery and engineers, contained in the workshops, the carriages and equipments of a mountain battery and several heavier pieces of artillery and more than one hundred cases of shells and cartridges, were utterly destroyed. The artillery barracks and stables, and about a dozen private houses, stores and restaurants, belonging to several of the chief tradesmen of Hanoi, with all their stock and effects, have been demolished, and their unfortunate owners left with nothing in the world but the clothes they escaped in. Two of these unfortunates had only recently been started in business at Hanoi for the second time, after having suffered the loss of their houses and goods by the burning or blowing up of their property by the French authorites after the 19th May last. Another loser had paid over the money for his house, which he had never yet occupied, only half an hour before the catastrophe occurred. Many of the cases are very hard, as anything in the way of insurance is impossible here, and great indignation is most justly felt at the unsoldierly and most inexplicable negligence of the official responsible for the transmission of the ammunition returned from Sontai. It is said that this materiel was unloaded from the lighter on the 26th and was stored either inside, or at the back of the workshop, only for the night, as carts were on their way from the citadel to transport it thither at the time the accident occurred. But what man in his senses would allow several tons of powder and charged projectiles to be stowed in proximity to a blacksmith's forge? The officer responsible for this culpable recklessness should certainly consider himself fortunate if he escapes with an ignominious dismissal from the service. I have heard that the Admiral has promised to press for an indemnity from the Government to the civilian sufferers, as the terrible consequences were not the result of ordinary accident but were directly caused by the grossest neglect or stupidity on the part of a Government official. It is certainly only just that some compensation should be made to the ruined unfortunates, but I fear that if any reparation be made, it will be after long delay. The total loss, independent of Government property, would probably be about $60,000.

Information was received on the 26th that a large body of Annamites and Chinese were posted between the Bamboo post, on the Songkoi, and Namdinh, and the gunboat *Fanfare* was despatched down the river the same day, while a reinforcement of two companies of marine infantry were sent to Namdinh on the morning of the 27th by the transport *Ruri-maru*.

Haiphong, Jan. 5th.

Owing to the long delay in despatching the s.s. *Namrian* to Hongkong these lines will reach you at the same time as my last letter from Hanoi, and as no events of importance have transpired since them I shall have little to add.

I came down from Hanoi on the 29th ult. by the launch *Tra-ly*, recently purchased in Hongkong by Messrs Roque Frères, and not yet taken over by the French authorities. We had a quiet and pleasant run down, towing three cargo boats with us, and saw nothing of the pirates who are still to be found in considerable bands round about Mount Elephant. A considerable commotion was made at the Bamboo Post on the morning of the 29th by information being received there that a large force of Annamites and Chinese were in the vicinity, probably the same band which attacked Hai-duong a month since, and which was afterwards dispersed from the neighbourhood of Haiphong by the prompt action of Major Corronat. The telegraph line, erected along the river bank, is now completed between Hanoi and Namdinh, passing through the post at Bamboo village.

On the 30th ult. the transport *Mytho* arrived at Halong Bay and the reinforcements brought out by her have since been transhipped by the *Drac* and *Soane* and landed at Haiphong. These consist of four hundred and eighty men of the marine infantry, about two hundred sailors from the *Villars* and other men-of-war, for the naval brigade, and fifty men and three officers, with their horses, comprising half a squadron, of the Chasseurs d'Afrique. The latter are the first detachment of cavalry that have arrived in Tonquin, and will probably be found very useful in the forthcoming operations against Bacninh. On Sunday, the 30th ulto., a parade of the troops comprising the garrison of Haiphong took place, when the men were carefully inspected by the commandant, Major Coronnat. A great deal of soreness exists amongst the officers at Hanoi at the appointment of Lieut. Colonel Badens as chief of the staff of Admiral Courbet in place of Major Coronnat, who held that post under General Bouet, and who is considered, by all who have had an opportunity of judging, to be in every respect more suited to execute satisfactorily the onerous duties of that most important position.

A number of the officers and men wounded during the operations at Sontai have since been sent down here and are being embarked on board the *Mytho* for return to France, as well as some of the time-expired men belonging to the marine infantry.

Some movements among the troops at Hanoi have taken place during the last week, this being mainly for the purpose of changing the garrisons at Sontai, Phalan and Batang. At Sontai a reconnaissance was made across the river by a detachment of two companies, who encountered a force of some four or five hundred Chinese and Annamites. A short engagement ensued, in which two of the French soldiers were wounded and about thirty of the enemy killed. With this exception all has been quiet at Sontai since the return of the main body of the troops to Hanoi.

The gunboats *Leopard* and *Lynx* have for some time past been cruising between Haiduong and Bac-ninh, and on Christmas Day the former vessel came across a body of Annamite guerilla about a thousand strong, while going up the river towards the entrance to the Bac-ninh Canal. The *Leopard* opened fire upon them, but was unable to land any men to follow them up. It was therefore impossible to know what damage was done to the band. Previous to this the same vessel had approached within a short distance of Bac-ninh and had shelled an outlying fort, which was afterwards entered by a landing party and thoroughly dismantled, all the guns being thrown into the Canal.

Accounts as to the strength of Bac-ninh and the Chinese garrison there vary very considerably and it is at present quite uncertain whether an attack will be made there before the arrival of the three thousand men under the command of General Millot, who left France on the 23rd Dec., or not. At present, however, no movements have been made tending to that end, and if operations are not commenced before the 15th inst it is almost certain that the attack will not be made before the second week of next month, as moonlight nights are considered by the French a great desideratum for operations in the field. Before that time, however, the new reinforcements will probably have arrived, and with them the new General, and it is possible the Admiral may come to the conclusion to risk all for the purpose of adding to his laurels before he is supplanted in the general command.

The decoration of the Cross of the Legion of Honour has been pretty freely distributed amongst officers and others out here and amongst the last batch of *décorés* appear the names of Captain George, of Yellow Flag fame, and Messrs Bonnal and Marquis, the Residents at Hanoi and Haiphong. The first-named gentlemen without doubt deserves the honour as much as any officer in the French army in Tonquin, as the services rendered by him to the Government while organizing and commanding his corps of auxiliaries were invaluable, but what possible claim to the distinction can be found for Messrs. Bonnal and Marquis is a puzzle to all. The latter has discharged the oft-times unpleasant duties of his office without giving great offence, certainly, and has distinguished himself by going out on one or more occasions at the head of his invincible Tonquinese militia against the redoubtable pirates, but Mons. Bonnal!—of all the officials in Tonquin the most unpopular, the most officious and offensive, and whose only claim to distinction can be found in his readiness to assume and carry out the role of superintendent executioner of the unfortunate natives who are scooped into his net. M. Bonnal was the man through whose execution, without trial, of a soldier of the Yellow Flags, the Government lost the valuable services of Captain George and his corps. The cross must indeed be getting cheap.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before the Full Court and a Special Jury.)

Wednesday, Jan. 9.

ASGAR AND ESMAIL AND THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION v. MELCHERS & CO.—REHEARING.

The Attorney General (the Hon. E. L. O'Malley) appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr J. J Francis represented defendants.

The following gentlemen were empannelled as a jury:—Messrs E. George, A. E. Vaucher, P. A da Costa, J. Bell-Irving, F. D'Assis Gomes, J. A. dos Remedios and T. I. Rose. This action, which was brought to recover the sum of $1,000 as compensation for loss sustained on the sale of a quantity of opium alleged to have been damaged through defendants' negligence in storing it improperly, was originally heard in July last, in the Summary Jurisdiction Court, by Mr Justice Russell, who decided in favour of the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs are Messrs Asgar and Esmail, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, and the defendants are Messrs Melchers & Co., at this port. The action was brought to recover damages for injury done to plaintiffs' opium whilst stored in defendants' godowns, caused, as plaintiffs alleged, by the negligence of the defendants. Plaintiffs' case was briefly this:—In the month of May, 1882, they received a consignment of 129 chests of Persian opium, which was stored in the godowns of Messrs Melchers & Co. Delivery of quantities were taken from time to time during the year, all the lots being found in good order. In March, 1883, a messenger was sent by plaintiffs to defendants' godown to clear 20 more chests, but on obtaining a sight of them he refused to take delivery, as the opium was injured and seriously damaged, as he then and there pointed out, by white ants. An examination and survey was made of the opium by Messrs F. D. Sassoon and E. F. Alford, who reported that 12 half tins and 4 quarter tins of the article were damaged, in their opinion, by white ants, and recommended them to be sold at auction. Mr Bird, architect, also surveyed the building and found traces and the galleries of white ants on the surface of the wall opposite to where the opium had been stored. The opium was sold, and realised less than what it would have done if it had been in good order, and the claim was brought to recover the difference between the price which plaintiffs might reasonably have obtained for it at that time when in good order, and the sum realised by the sale.

The Attorney General said he thought he would be able to bring the clearest proof that defendants or their servants neglected to take those precautions which were recognised as reasonable and proper precautions by all competent persons who were connected with the business of storing opium. He did not claim that godown keepers were the same as insurers, who had to make good all damage done to goods while in their possession, but he claimed that they were liable for damage done through the neglect of ordinary precautions. The recognized practice was to take care that the opium should be stored on trestles rubbed with paraffine, or some such material, and kept away from the wall. His evidence would prove that though defendants knew these precautions were necessary they were not carried out in the storing of this opium, which was allowed to lean against the wall. His contention was that the opium was damaged by being attacked by white ants which came from the wall of the godown.

The hearing of evidence for the plaintiffs occupied the whole day, and the case was adjourned.

Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Wodehouse, Esq.)

Wednesday, Jan. 9.

DRUNK AND INCAPABLE.

Harry Harcourt, seaman of the S.S. *Arabic*, was charged with being drunk and incapable and not paying his jinricksha's hire. He was convicted and fined in all $1.20, 40 cents to go to the jinricksha coolie, in default 3 days' imprisonment.

LARCENIES.

Li Ng San was sent to prison for six months for stealing an umbrella from Li Kwai Chun, a passenger per S.S. *Powan* from Canton. Prisoner is an old offender.

Chan Afo was charged by Mosdum Khan, a watchman, with stealing a quantity of iron nails, the property of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. on the 8th instant. Prisoner admitted the charge, and was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour.

OBTAINING GOODS BY FALSE PRETENCES.

Lum Nam was charged by Si Asin, a shopkeeper, with obtaining goods by false pretences from the complainant 260 catties of nails, some brass hinges and locks, value $24, on the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th instant. The charge was proven, and prisoner was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

BEGGING.

John Burns was sentenced to fourteen days for begging in the street. Burns said he fell down, when the Sikh constable No. 540, accused him of begging.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, *January 9.*

OPIUM—New Patna,	cash,	$567½/72½
" Old "	cash,	—
" New Benares,	cash,	557½
" Old "	cash,	—
" New Malwa,	credit,	560/20
" Allowance, Taels		32
" Old Malwa,	credit,	550
" Allowance, Taels		48

Exchange.

Bank, Wire,	3/7⅞
" Demand,	3/8⅛
" 30 days' sight,	3/8⅛
" 4 months' sight,	3/8⅜
Credits, " "	3/8⅞
Documentary 4 months' sight,	3/8⅞
India, Wire,	225
" demand,	225
Shanghai, demand,	72½
" 30 days' sight, private	73½
Gold Leaf 99½ fine	$27.35
Sovereigns,	$5.34

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, *January 9.*

BAROMETER—	9 A.M.	30.410
Do.	1 P.M.	30.395
Do.	4 P.M.	30.370
THERMOMETER—	9 A.M.	55
Do.	1 P.M.	58
Do.	4 P.M.	58
Do.	(Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	48
Do.	Do. 1 P.M.	49
Do.	Do. 4 P.M.	48
Do.	Maximum	59
Do.	Minimum over night	51

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

AT 4 P.M.—8TH JANUARY.

Station.	Barometer reduced to sea level at 4 P.M.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain during previous 24 hr.
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hongkong	30.35	59.2	38	NNE	2	b	—
Amoy	30.34	63.0	52	NE	1	c	—
Shanghai	30.45	34.0	69	NW	4	b	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

AT 10 A.M.—9TH JANUARY.

Station.	Barometer reduced to sea level at 10 A.M.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain during previous 24 hr.
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hongkong	30.44	57.7	42	NE	1	b	—
Amoy	30.39	51.0	66	NE	1	b	—
Shanghai	30.47	29.5	95	NW	2	bf	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

W. DOBBECK.

Hongkong Observatory, 9th Jan., 1884.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in degrees, and tenths, Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER. *b* blue sky, *c* detached clouds, *d* drizzling rain, *f* fog, *g* gloomy, *h* hail, *l* lightning, *o* overcast, *p* passing showers, *q* squally, *r* rain, *s* snow, *t* thunder, *v* visibility, *w* dew (wet).—The letters are repeated to indicate any increase over the average of their signification.
7. RAIN, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

Shipping Intelligence.

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG.

Left.	Name.	From.
June 30,	Zebina Gondey,	New York
July 13,	Jupiter,	Cardiff
Aug. 11,	Wilhelm Homeyer,	London
" 16,	Marie Louise,	Liverpool
Sept. 1,	Dakota,	Liverpool
" 7,	Charlotte,	Cardiff
" 7,	Andromeda,	Cardiff
" 14,	Margarethe,	Penarth
Oct. 2,	Lucia,	London
" 2,	Anna,	Penarth
" 13,	Teutonia (s.),	Hamburg
" 13,	Frank Carvil,	Cardiff
" 15,	Aura,	Cardiff
" 22,	Constanze,	Penarth
" 25,	Raphael,	New York
" 27,	Recta (s.),	London
Nov. 21,	Ville de Strasbourg (s.)	Antwerp
" 24,	Esmeralda,	Cuxhaven
" 24,	Decision,	Liverpool
" 26,	Kangaroo, (s.),	London

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At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal.

Harter. Glenroy.
Anteror. Benalder.

At Liverpool.

Menelaus (s.) Diomed (s.)
Henauwar. Hector (s.)
Laertes (s.)

At Glasgow.

Glenfalloch (s.) Glenearn (s.)

At Cardiff.

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Medora. Heinrich.

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4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handsomely bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

Chair, Jinricksha, and Boat Hire.

LEGALISED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR BEARERS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Chairs and Ordinary Pullaway Boats.

Half hour,....10 cts. | Hour,........20 cts.
Three hours,..50 cts. | Six hours,...70 cts.
Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

TO VICTORIA PEAK.

Single Trip.

Four Coolies, ...	$1.00
Three Coolies, ...	0.85
Two Coolies, ...	0.70

Return (direct or by Pok-fu Lam).

Four Coolies, ...	$1.50
Three Coolies, ...	1.20
Two Coolies, ...	1.00

TO VICTORIA GAP (TO LEVEL OF UMBRELLA SEAT.)

Single Trip.

Four Coolies, ...	$0.60
Three Coolies, ...	0.50
Two Coolies, ...	0.40

Return (direct or by Pok-fu Lam).

Four Coolies, ...	$1.00
Three Coolies, ...	0.85
Two Coolies, ...	0.70

The Return Fare embraces a trip of not more than *three* hours.

For every hour or part of an hour above three hours, each Coolie will be entitled to an additional payment of 5 cents.

Day Trip (12 hours) } Peak,.........$0.75 each Coolie.
Gap,............$0.60 each Coolie.

Jinricksha.

Quarter of an hour or less, ...	5 cts.
Half an hour, ...	10 ,,
One hour,...	15 ,,
Three hours, ...	25 ,,
Six hours,...	35 ,,
One day (12 hours), ...	50 ,,
Per trip to Shaukiwan or Pokfulam, from the centre of the Town, ...	20 ,,
Return, ...	35 ,,
Per trip to Aberdeen, from the centre of the Town,...	25 ,,
Return, ...	40 ,,

If an Extra Coolie is employed, there will be an addition of half the above scale to pay. Nothing in this scale prevents private agreements.

Licensed Bearers (each).

Hour, ...	10 cents.
Half day, ...	35 cents.
Day,...	50 cents.

BOAT AND COOLIE HIRE.

BOATS.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, ...	$3.00
1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Load, ...	2.00
2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs, per Day, ...	2.50
2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs, per Load, ...	1.75
3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kau Boat of 300 piculs, per Day, ...	1.50
3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kau Boat of 300 piculs, per Load, ...	1.00
3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kau Boat of 300 piculs, Half Day, ...	50

Sampans.

or Pullaway Boats, per Day, ...	$1.00
,, One Hour, ...	20
,, Half-an-Hour, ...	10

After 6 P.M...........10 cents extra.

Nothing in this Scale prevents private agreements.

STREET COOLIES.

Scale of Hire for Street Coolies.

One Day,..............................	33 cents.
Half Day,..............................	20 ,,
Three Hours,..........................	12 ,,
One Hour,..............................	5 ,,
Half Hour,..............................	3 ,,

Nothing in the above Scale to affect private agreements.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloong shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the P. and O. Co.'s Factory.
3. From P. and O. Co.'s Factory to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchorage	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Alwine	4 c	Thiesen	Ger. str.	400	Jan. 7	Wieler & Co.		
Anerley	5 h	Strachan	Brit. str.	1256	Jan. 9	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Arabic	...	Pearne	Brit. str.	2787	Jan. 4	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Y'hama & San F'cisco	Cos'tan Dock
Arratoon Apcar.........	5 h	Mactavish	Brit. str.	1392	Jan. 8	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Straits and Calcutta	
Cassandra	3 c	Lindemann......	Ger. str.	1097	Jan. 8	Siemssen & Co.		
Catterthun...............	5 c	Craig	Brit. str.	1469	Jan. 8	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Sydney, &c.	
Changchow...............	5 c	Whittle	Brit. str.	1109	Dec. 28	Butterfield & Swire	Sydney, &c.	To-day
Chinkiang	3 h	Herrmann	Brit. str.	781	Jan. 9	Siemssen & Co.	Ningpo & Shanghai	To-day
Chollerton	8 c	Clark	Brit. str.	1733	Dec. 27	Siemssen & Co.		
Crusader	...	Rowin...........	Brit. str.	647	Dec. 31	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	....	K'loon Dock
De Bay	7 c	Lee	Brit. str.	1087	Jan. 6	M. B. M. S. S. Co.	Nagasaki	To-day
Emuy	...	Rementeria ...	Span. str.	414	June 30	Remedios & Co.	....	K'loon Dock
Esmeralda	5 h	Hutchinson ...	Brit. str.	395	Jan. 8	Russell & Co.	Amoy and Manila	To-day
Fame	6 h	Stopani	Brit. str.	117	......	H.K. & W'poa Dock Co.	....	Tug Plying
Hainan	8 h	Woone	Brit. str.	281	Nov. 28	Afong & Co.		
Kwangtung	5 h	Young...........	Brit. str.	680	Jan. 8	Douglas Steamship Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Kwongsang	...	....	Brit. str.	988	Dec. 27	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	....	K'loon Dock
Lee Yung	3 k	Chun	Annam. str.	150	June 19	Chinese		
Meefoo	4 c	Lunt	Chi. str.	1284	Jan. 7	C. M. S. N. Co.	Amoy	
Mongkut	3 c	Loff.............	Brit. str.	853	Dec. 31	Yuen Fat Hong	Swatow, &c.	11th inst.
Moray....................	3 c	Duncan	Brit. str.	1427	Jan. 7	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Nam-vian	5 h	Lerede	Fch. str.	435	Jan. 9	A. R. Marty	Haiphong	
Naples...................	5 c	Thorn	Brit. str.	1743	Jan. 3	Russell & Co.	Sydney, &c.	11th inst.
Ocean	3 c	Brown	Brit. str.	1039	Jan. 8	Soey Shing	Saigon	
Pilot Fish	...	Vhir	Span. str.	37	Nov. 27	Remedios & Co.	....	Cos'tan Dock
Remus	...	Aguirre	Span. str.	695	Dec. 28	Dunn, Melbye & Co.	....	K'loon Dock
Saltee	...	Aranguren	Fch. str.	323	Dec. 12	A. R. Marty	Haiphong	K'loon Dock
Sea Gull.................	7 h	Haydon	Amer. str.	48	......	China Traders' Insurance Co.		
Selembria	3 k	Fowler	Brit. str.	1992	Nov. 16	Russell & Co.		
Tromp....................	8 h	Roo	Dutch str.	137	Oct. 11	Eduard Schellhass & Co.		
Whampoa	5 c	Williams	Brit. str.	1109	Dec. 31	Butterfield & Swire	Saigon	14th inst.
Wingsang	...	St. Croix	Brit. str.	1615	Jan. 4	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Straits and Calcutta	Ab'deen Dock
Zambesi	5 c	Moule...........	Brit. str.	1640	Jan. 7	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Bombay, &c.	11th inst.
Sailing Vessels								
Alden Besse	2 k	Noyes...........	Amer. bqe.	812	Dec. 25	Melchers & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Alice Mary	2 c	Davis	Brit. bqe.	361	Nov. 26	Russell & Co.	Victoria, B.C.	
Anna	4 c	Jessen...........	Ger. bqe.	447	Nov. 30	Wieler & Co.		
Annettin.................	4 c	Repetto	Ital. bqe.	474	Dec. 4	D. Musso & Co.		
Antioch	3 c	Wyman	Amer. bqe.	958	Nov. 25	Order		
Antoinette	7 c	Bunje............	Brit. bqe.	884	Jan. 7	Morris & Ray		
Asteria	3 k	Cox	Brit. bqe.	211	Sept. 26	Order		
Beta	3 c	Watt	Br. 3m. sch.	314	Dec. 31	Meyer & Co.		
Bonnie Lassie	7 c	Clarke...........	Brit. bqe.	350	Jan. 8	Gilman & Co.		
C. B. Carver	8 c	Dow..............	Amer. sh.	1100	Dec. 8	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Charon Wattana	2 c	Ulrich...........	Siam. bqe.	650	Dec. 21	Chinese		
Coloma	3 k	Noyes	Amer. bqe.	832	Dec. 20	Melchers & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Elisabeth	8 c	Braner	Ger. sh.	1170	Nov. 30	Melchers & Co.		
Else.......................	2 c	Brickmeier.......	Ger. bg.	281	Jan. 4	Captain		
Francisca	2 c	Gontard	Ger. bqe.	368	Jan. 7	Wieler & Co.		
Friedrich	3 k	Ulderup	Ger. bqe.	672	Dec. 31	Siemssen & Co.	London	
Frohlich..................	3 k	Möller	Ger. bg.	360	Dec. 22	Wieler & Co.		
Haydn Brown	3 c	Havener	Amer. bqe.	821	Oct. 15	Russell & Co.		
Hecht	3 k	Ploetz...........	Ger. 3m. sc.	358	Dec. 18	Siemssen & Co.	Quinhon	Cleared
Helena	2 k	Hansen	Brit. bqe.	556	Nov. 25	Siemssen & Co.	Honolulu	
Jacobine..................	3 k	Christensen ...	Ger. bqe.	417	Nov. 23	Eduard Schellhass & Co.		
Jupiter	8 c	Johannsen	Russ. bqe.	580	Dec. 25	Order		
Kvik	8 h	Larsen...........	Norw. bqe.	417	Dec. 23	Siemssen & Co.	Quinhon	
Mathilde..................	3 k	Tönningson ...	Ger. 3m. sc.	355	Nov. 23	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	Callao	
Mount Lebanon	...	Nelson	Bri. bktine.	530	Oct. 12	Rozario & Co.	....	Cos'tan Dock
N. Gibson	1 c	Bailey	Amer. bqe.	704	Nov. 3	Borneo Co., Limited		
Nellie M. Slade.........	8 c	Gould	Ame. bkte.	560	Nov. 29	Russell & Co.	New York	
Nellie May...............	7 c	Austin...........	Amer. bqe.	664	Nov. 30	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Okeia	1 k	Nissen	Ger. bqe.	688	Dec. 23	Carlowitz & Co.	Rangoon	
Omega....................	2 k	Brown	Brit. bqe.	480	Nov. 29	Eduard Schellhass & Co.		
Oneida	...	Carver...........	Amer. sh.	1130	Oct. 27	Russell & Co.	New York	K'loon Dock
Osaka	2 c	Lowe	Brit. bqe.	527	Nov. 23	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Rachel	2 k	Affleck	Brit. bqe.	282	Nov. 30	Chinese		
Roderick Hay	4 c	Nicolson	Brit. bqe.	290	Nov. 30	Turner & Co.		
Sachem	3 k	Small	Amer. sh.	1380	Nov. 4	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Boston	Cleared
Sarah	3 c	Doane	Amer. bqe.	628	Dec. 1	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Sibirien	4 c	Johannsen	Ger. bqe.	367	Dec. 1	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	Taiwanfoo	
Spartan	8 h	Vincent	Amer. sch.	85	May 30	W. H. Ray		
St. Ideuc	3 k	Durand	Fch. bqe.	388	Dec. 16	Carlowitz & Co.	Takao	
Tartar	5 k	Moldt	Ger. bg.	256	Jan. 7	Melchers & Co.		
Titan	4 k	Norris...........	Amer. sh.	1175	Dec. 24	Order		
Twilight	3 c	Warland.........	Amer. sh.	1263	June 8	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Wildwood	4 c	Sawyer	Amer. bqe.	1099	Sept. 23	M. B. M. S. S. Co.		
Wilhelm	3 k	Spugelberg......	Ger. bqe.	374	Jan. 2	Siemssen & Co.	New York	
Willy	1 k	Hanne...........	Ger. bqe.	860	Jan. 6	Carlowitz & Co.		
Zouave	...	Soper	Amer. sh.	1202	Aug. 3	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Havre and London	Cos'tan Dock

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships in the China Squadron.

Name.	Rig.	Tons Displt.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Albatross	composite screw sloop	940	4	840	Commander Chas. Hicks	Hankow
Audacious	double-screw iron frigate	6010	14	4330	Captain R. E. Tracey	Hongkong
Champion	corvette	2380	14	2340	Captain A. T. Powlett	Shanghai
Cleopatra	corvette	2300	14	2610	Captain H. N. Hippisley	Amoy
Cockchafer	gunboat	465	4	470	Lieut.-Com. Robt. L. Groome	Chefoo
Curaçao	corvette	2383	14	2540	Captain Anstruther	Shanghai
Daring	composite sloop	940	4	920	Commander F. J. J. Eliott	Hongkong
Esk	double-screw gunboat	360	3	340		Swatow
Espoir	gunboat	430	4	455	Commander E. H. Gamble	Chinkiang
Flying Fish	sloop	940	4	840	Lieut.-Commander Hoskyn	Hongkong
Fly	double-screw gun-vessel	640	4	490	Commander John Hope	Canton
Foxhound	gunboat	450	4	470	Lieut.-Commander McQuhae	Foochow
Kestrel	double-screw gun-vessel	710	4	830	Commander E. Hotham	Tientsin
Linnet	double-screw gun-vessel	767	5	1050	Commander J. J. Jones	On a cruise
Magpie	surveying vessel	803	3	600	Lieut.-Com. Vereker	Singapore
Midge	double-screw gun-vessel	465	4	470	Commander Tisdale	*en route* Shanghai
Orontes	troopship	2570	—	—	Captain H. G. Andoe	*en route* Singapore
Pegasus	composite screw sloop	1130	6	970	Commander Bickford	Singapore
Sapphire	corvette	1370	12	2360	Captain Fullerton	Nagasaki
Swift	double-screw gun-vessel	794	5	1010	Commander Wm. Collins	Hongkong
Tweed	double-screw gunboat	360	3	340	In reserve	Hongkong
Victor Emanuel	receiving ship	3087	20	—	Commodore Cuming	Hongkong
Vigilant	paddle despatch-vessel	835	2	1230	Lieut.-Com. Maxwell	Hongkong
Wivern	turret-ship	1800	4	1450	In reserve	Hongkong
Zephyr	gunboat	430	4	530	Lieut.-Com. G. N. A. Pollard	Canton

☞ For H. B. M. Ships' tonnage, displacements and effective horse powers are given according to H. M. Navy list.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	N.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Abreck	Russian aviso	1100	7	300	Captain Schanz	Yokohama
Drac	French transport	—	—	—	Captain Ferrat	Haiphong
Enterprise	American corvette	1375	6	900	Commander A. S. Barker	Corea
Ermak	Russian transport	1000	4	80	Captain Koltchau	Japan
Essex	American sloop	1375	6	1200	Captain McCormack	Canton
Gornostai	Russian gunboat	450	7	80	Commander Stark	Vladivostock
Hamelin	French cruiser	—	—	—	Commander Roustan	Tonquin
Iltis	German gunboat	420	8	100	Commander Rotger	Hongkong
Juniata	American corvette	1900	—	—	Commander P. F. Harrington	Shanghai
Korsaint	French sloop	1182	—	375	Commander de Beaumont	Tonquin
La Victorieuse	French ironclad	4176	15	2214	Captain D. de la Batié	On a cruise
Legaspi	Spanish transport	1200	2	—	D. Ramon Valentin Buenaplata	Hongkong
Leipzig	German corvette	3000	16	400	Captain Herbig	On a cruise
Lutin	French gunboat	437	4	100	Captain Debar	Canton
Monocacy	American sloop	1100	6	250	Commander C. S. Cotton	Shanghai
Morge	Russian gunboat	400	7	80	Commander Moltsoff	Vladivostock
Najezdnick	Russian corvette	1500	—	—	Captain Kalagerass	Japan
Nerpa	Russian gunboat	400	7	80	Commander Valrondt	Vladivostock
Opritchnik	Russian corvette	1400	—	—	Captain B. Ivashintsoff	Shanghai
Palos	American gunboat	306	6	200	Lieut.-Commander Glidden	Chefoo
Richmond	American frigate	2300	14	500	Captain Skerrett	Shanghai
Skobeleff	Russian corvette	2000	—	—	Captain Blanodareff	Yokohama
Sobol	Russian gunboat	400	7	80	Commander Boyle	Japan
Stosch	German frigate	2030	19	700	Com. Glomsda von Buchholtz	On a cruise
Tamega	Portuguese gunboat	410	—	—	Captain F. da Costa Cabral	Macao
Tongous	Russian gunboat	—	—	—	Commander Heck	Singapore
Tourville	French steel frigate	5522	21	7466	Captain Bose	Hongkong
Triomphante	French ironclad	4176	14	2400	Captain Baux	Amoy
Villars	French corvette	2400	15	675	Captain Dewatre	Haiphong
Volta	French corvette	1300	—	—	Captain Fournier	Hongkong
Vostock	Russian gunboat	—	4	—	Commander Molchonsky	Vladivostock
Wolf	German gunboat	480	4	340	Commander von Raven	Canton

☞ For Foreign men-of-war actual measurement, tonnage and nominal horse powers are given.

SHIPPING IN CHINA, JAPAN, PHILIPPINES, AND SIAM WATERS.

CANTON.

Vessel's Name.	Flag & Rig.	Destination.
Fooksang	Brit. str.	Shanghai
Fushun	Brit. str.	Shanghai

MACAO.

Kiang-ping	Chi. str.	Canton
Yotsai	Brit. str.	Canton

AMOY.

In port on January 3, 1884.

Albatros	Ger. sch.	
Androklos	Brit. bqe.	
Benedicta	Ger. sch.	Batavia
B. H. Steenken	Ger. bg.	
Centaur	Ger. bqe.	
Chloris	Ger. bqe.	
Galveston	Ger. bqe.	
Johann Carl	Ger. sch.	
Lee Yih	Brit. bqe.	
Louise	Amer. sch.	
Minérva	Ger. bg.	Takao
Occident	Ger. bqe.	
Orient	Ger. bqe.	
Oscar Mooyer	Ger. bqe.	
Quickstep	Am. 3m. sc.	
Sophie	Russ. bg.	
Therese	Ger. bqe.	Taiwanfoo

FOOCHOW.

In port on December 29, 1883.

Peter	Ger. sch.	

SHANGHAI.

In port on January 2, 1884.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Ava	French	H'kong, &c.
Chinkiang	British	Hongkong
Chin-tung	Chinese	
Chungking	British	
Fuh Wo	British	
Fung-shun	Chinese	
Fushun	British	Hongkong
Gordon Castle	British	New York, &c.
Hae-an	Chinese	Chefoo
Hae-ting	Chinese	Repairing
Hydaspes	British	Hongkong, &c.
Kiang-foo	Chinese	Hankow, &c.
Kiang-piau	Chinese	
Kiang-yung	Chinese	Hankow
Kung-pai	Chinese	Laid up
Lee Yuen	Chinese	
Nagoya Maru	Japanese	Nagasaki, &c.
Nanzing	British	
Ngankin	British	Hankow, &c.
Pekin	British	Hongkong, &c.
Poo-chi	Chinese	
Sin Nanzing	British	
Tamsui	British	
Tunsin	British	
Ulysses	British	London, &c.
W. C. de Vries	British	Hankow, &c.
Waverley	British	Nagasaki
Wenchow	British	
Wha-on	British	Hankow, &c.
Woosung	British	
Wuchang	British	
Y-ling	British	Hankow, &c.
Yung-ching	Chinese	

MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.

Addie E. Sleeper	Amer. bqe.	New York
Chingtah	Chi. bqe.	
Flodden		
George	Brit. bqe.	
Kumasako Maru	Japan. bqe.	Kuchinotzu
Loong Wha	Br. 3m. sch.	
Minna	Brit. bqe.	
Niederhof	Ger. sch.	
Pacific Slope	Brit. bqe.	
Rambler	Amer. bqe.	
Star of China	Brit. sh.	

NAGASAKI.

In port on December 29, 1883.

Auguste	Brit. sch.	
Charley	Brit. bqe.	
Emily	Brit. bg.	
Hugo & Otto	Norw. bqe.	
Omega	Brit. bqe.	
Wappaus	Brit. bqe.	Shanghai

HIOGO.

In port on December 29, 1883.

Evangeline	Brit. sch.	
Guiana	Brit. bqe.	
Hercules	Amer. sh.	New York
M. L. Cushing	Amer. sh.	
Queen Emma	Brit. bqe.	
Sagitta	Brit. bqe.	London

YOKOHAMA.

In port on December 28, 1883.

Alma	Amer. sch.	
Black Diamond	Ger. bqe.	
Cross Hill	Brit. bqe.	New York
Diana	Amer. sch.	
Dorothy	Brit. bqe.	
E. v. Beaulieu	Ger. bqe.	
Guam	Bri. bktine.	
Helena	Brit. sch.	
Iceberg	Amer. sh.	
Jen. Harkness	Amer. bqe.	
Liza	Amer. sch.	
Loretta Fish	Amer. sh.	
Mary C. Bohm	Ger. sch.	
Nemo	Russ. sch.	
Otsego	Brit. sch.	
Rose	Russ. sch.	
Saghalien	Russ. sch.	
Sooloo	Brit. bqe.	
Stella	Russ. sch.	

MANILA.

In port on December 20, 1883.

Anglesea	Brit. bqe.	United States
Bride	Brit. bqe.	Melbourne
Evie Reed	Amer. bqe.	Boston
Granite State	Amer. sh.	
J. Gildemaster	Ger. sh.	
Jessie Renwick	Brit. bqe.	New York
Kelverdale	Brit. bqe.	New York
Luzon	Amer. sh.	New York
Martha	Amer. bqe.	Sandy Hook
Pepita	Span. bqe.	
Sooloo	Amer. sh.	Boston
Titania	Brit. sh.	

CEBU.

Edward May	Amer. bqe.	New York

BANGKOK.

In port on December 29, 1883.

Ban Lee	Siam. bqe.	
Billy Simpson	Brit. bqe.	
Bua Pan	Siam. sh.	
Burra Noorfol	Siam. bqe.	
Caroline	Ger. 3m. sc.	
Catterolin	Ital. bqe.	
Cham. Kamrye	Siam. bqe.	
China	Siam. bg.	Laid up
Confucius	Siam. sch.	
Eng Lee	Siam. bqe.	
Envoy	Siam. bqe.	
Esperance	Fch. bqe.	
Falcon	Siam. bqe.	Java
Fortune	Siam. bqe.	
Goliah	Siam. bqe.	
Heng Seng	Siam. bqe.	
Hermine	Swed. bqe.	Europe
Kim Chye Seng	Siam. sch.	
K. Hock Cheong	Siam. sch.	Coast
Kristina Nilsson	Amer. bqe.	
Louisa	Ger. 3m. sc.	
Lucky	Siam. bqe.	
Mercury	Siam. bg.	
Meridian	Siam. bqe.	
Rapid	Siam. bqe.	
Starlight	Siam. bqe.	
Ta Hongkong	Siam. sh.	Bombay
Telegraph	Siam. bqe.	Bombay
Trait d'Union	Fch. bqe.	Europe
Wm. le Lacheur	Brit. bqe.	

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